IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

)	No. 2:12-md-02323 – AB
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)	MDL NO. 2323
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)	SHORT FORM COMPLAINT
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)	IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL
)	LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION
)	INJURY LITIGATION
)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

SHORT FORM COMPLAINT AGAINST RIDDELL DEFENDANTS

- 1. Plaintiff, Sunny Jani, Administrator of the Estate of Michael L. Webster,

 Deceased, brings this civil action as a related action in the matter entitled IN RE: NATIONAL

 FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION, MDL No. 2323.
- 2. Plaintiff is filing this Short Form Complaint against Riddell Defendants as required by this Court's Case Management Order ECF No. 7709, filed May 18, 2017.
- 3. Plaintiff continues to maintain claims against Riddell Defendants after a Class Action Settlement was entered into between the NFL Defendants and certain Plaintiffs.
- 4. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations (as designated below) of the Second Amended Master Administrative Long-Form Complaint Against Riddell Defendants, as is fully set forth at length in this Short Form Complaint. However, Plaintiff denies that there is federal subject matter jurisdiction over this action.

- 5. Plaintiff is filing this case in a representative capacity as the <u>Administrator</u> of the Estate of Michael L. Webster, Deceased, having been duly appointed as the <u>Administrator</u> by the <u>Department of Court Records, Wills/Orphans Court Division, of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania</u>.
- 6. Plaintiff, <u>Sunny Jani</u>, is a resident and citizen of <u>Pennsylvania</u>, and claims damages as set forth below.
- 7. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff's decedent sustained repetitive, traumatic sub-concussive and/or concussive head impacts during NFL games and/or practices. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff's decedent suffered from symptoms of brain injury caused by the repetitive, traumatic sub-concussive and/or concussive head impacts Plaintiff's decedent sustained during NFL games and/or practices. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff's decedent's symptoms arose from injuries that were latent and that developed over time.
- 8. The original complaint by Plaintiff in this matter was filed in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles on <u>February 14, 2014</u>. If the case is remanded, it should be remanded to the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles.
 - 9. Plaintiff claims damages as a result of [check all that apply]:
 - ☐ Injury to Herself/Himself
 - ☐ Injury to the Person Represented

 - ⊠ Economic Loss

- 10. Plaintiff brings this case against the following Defendants in this action [check all that apply]:
 - ⊠ Riddell, Inc.
 - ⊠ Riddell Sports Group, Inc.

 - BRG Sports, Inc., f/k/a Easton-Bell Sports, Inc.
 - BRG Sports, LLC f/k/a Easton Bell Sports, LLC
 - \boxtimes EB Sports Corp.
 - ⊠ BRG Sports Holdings Corp., f/k/a RBG Holdings Corp.
- 11. Plaintiff's decedent wore one or more helmets designed and/or manufactured by the Riddell Defendants during one or more years Plaintiff's decedent played in the NFL and/or AFL.
- 12. Plaintiff's decedent played in ⊠ the National Football League ("NFL") and/or in □ the American Football League ("AFL") during the following period of time 1974 1990 for the following teams: Pittsburgh Steelers, Kansas City Chiefs.
- 13. Plaintiff's decedent retired from playing professional football after the 1990 season.

CAUSES OF ACTION

14. Plaintiff herein adopts by reference the following Counts of the Second Amended Master Administrative Long-Form Complaint, along with the factual allegations incorporated by reference in those Counts [check all that apply]:

\boxtimes	Count I (Negligence)
	Count II (Negligent Marketing)
	Count III (Negligent Misrepresentation)
	Count IV (Fraud)
\boxtimes	Count V (Strict Liability/Design Defect)
\boxtimes	Count VI (Failure to Warn)
	Count VII (Breach of Implied Warranty)
	Count VIII (Civil Conspiracy)
	Count IX (Fraudulent Concealment)
\boxtimes	Count X (Wrongful Death)
\boxtimes	Count XI (Survival Action)
	Count XII (Loss of Consortium)
\boxtimes	Count XIII (Punitive Damages under All Claims)
	Count XIV (Declaratory Relief: Punitive Damages)

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

A. An award of compensatory damages, the amount of which will be determined at trial;

B.	An award of economic damages in the form of medical expenses, out of pocket
	expenses, lost earnings and other economic damages in an amount to be determined at
	trial;

- C. For punitive and exemplary damages as applicable;
- D. For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern this action;
- E. For loss of consortium as applicable;
- F. For declaratory relief as applicable;
- G. For an award of attorneys' fees and costs;
- H. An award of prejudgment interest and costs of suit; and
- I. An award of such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38, Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Dated: November 6, 2017 Respectfully submitted,

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